



## **Minchinhampton Golf Club (MGC)**

### **MGC Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy Statement 2020**

**For Further Information and the Full Policy, please contact the Club Office or Website.**

Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd (Old and New Courses) has considered its responsibilities to the children participating in golf at our premises and within our club very carefully, and has produced the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy 2017 and underpinning procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in providing activities for children and safeguarding the welfare of children in our care.

Minchinhampton Golf Club and Minchinhampton Old Course affiliate to England Golf and our professional coaching staff are all members of the Professional Golfers' Association. The Club recognises the policies of these Governing Bodies, as set out in [www.childreningolf.org/about-us/roles-responsibilities](http://www.childreningolf.org/about-us/roles-responsibilities).

#### **Policy Statement**

Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all children (defined as those under 18) involved in golf within the club. All children have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.

Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd therefore endeavours to ensure the safety and protection of all children involved with the club through the Child Protection guidelines adopted by the Board of the club. It is the responsibility of all adults within the club to assist the Board in this endeavour.

#### **Policy Aims**

- To provide children with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and also help them to enjoy their experience of the sport.
- To reassure parents that their children will receive the best practicable care possible whilst participating in activities within the club.
- To provide support to staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.
- To respect confidentiality in managing information in a respectful, professional and purposeful manner. Confidentiality should be maintained in respect to all issues and people involved in concerns about the welfare of a child or bad practice within an organisation. It is important that the rights of both the child and the person about whom the complaint has been made are protected.

#### **Principles**

- The welfare of children is paramount
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs, have the right to protection from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice, including cyber bullying will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- All children have the right to be safe and to be treated with dignity and respect

- All staff and volunteers working in golf have a responsibility to report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer
- Adults-staff, volunteers, coaches, referees and members will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of children and young people
- Individuals will receive support through education and training to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may come to light.

### **Responsibilities and Communication**

- The Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy 2019 will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants.
- The Policy will be reviewed every three years by the Board and amended as appropriate. Guidance from golf's governing bodies will be sought as part of the review process
- The Board has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including taking any appropriate disciplinary action necessary
- The Clubs Junior Welfare Officers have responsibility for responding to any allegations, concerns or child protection incidents, passing information to the appropriate National Governing Body Lead Child Protection Officer and informing the appropriate club staff
- Parents have a responsibility to work together with Minchinhampton Old Course Golf Club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to safeguard themselves.

Copies of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy 2019 is available from the office, Junior Organiser or website

This Statement is based on the Children in Golf template

Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd will work in partnership with parents to review and implement child protection and welfare procedures. Minchinhampton Golf Club Ltd's policy and procedures are based on the above principles and UK and international legislation and government guidance and take the following into consideration:

The Children Act 1989 and 2004

The Data Protection Act 1994 & 1998

The Police Act 1997

The Human Rights Act 1998

The Protection of Children Act 1999

Caring for the young and vulnerable - Home Office Guidance for preventing the abuse of trust 1999

The Criminal and Court Services Act 2000

What to do if you are worried a child is being abused 2005

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010)

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Any subsequent legislation relating to child protection would implicitly be incorporated into this document.